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TITLE OF INVENTION: CABLE GUIDED INTRUSION DETECTION SENSOR, SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 620 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 620 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/566,895

Examiner

HOI C. LAU

Applicant(s)

HARMAN, ROBERT KEITH

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on March 11, 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 57-75, 91-93 and 98-100.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/11/09
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 57-75, 91-93, 98-100 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-13, filed March 11, 2009, with respect to claims 57-75, 91-93, 98-100 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 of claims 57-75, 91-93, 98-100 has been withdrawn.

In applicant's remark, it identifies terms as follows: the reflection associated with the transmitted coded pulse sequence is referred to the **contra-directionally** coupled response while that the associated with the reflection returned from the end of the lead-out cables is referred to the **co-directionally** coupled response. When two open transmission lines run parallel and in proximity to each other, energy is coupled from one transmission line to the other. When the coupled signal propagates in the same direction as a source signal, it is referred to as "**co-directional coupling**". When the coupled signal propagates in the opposite direction to the source signal, it is referred to as "**contra-directional coupling**". Further, a **thumbtack** response or correlation is relatively well understood. Such understanding may be summarized as follows: Many radar Systems utilize correlation detection. Typically a coded pulse sequence is transmitted and a small percentage of this coded pulse signal is reflected from the target back to the receiver. This reflected signal is correlated with the transmitted signal. In effect, the reflected signal is mixed with a time delayed version of the transmitted signal with a different time delay relating to each range bin. This auto correlation process

results in the range ambiguity function. When this range ambiguity function has only one large peak and no side lobes it is referred to as a "thumbtack" response or correlation. The summation of complementary co-responses is one way to generate a thumbtack response.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regards to independent **claim 57**, the prior art does not specifically disclose or suggest a method for detection and location of a target crossing into an area defined by a sensor cable, comprising: detecting an RX signal induced in a second transmission line of the cable by the electromagnetic field and identifying in the RX signal a contra-directional reflection received from a target and a co-directional reflection received from the far-end (F) of the first transmission line; and processing the contra-directional reflection for providing a first coordinate (R) of the target, and processing the co-directional reflection for providing a second coordinate (Z) of the target wherein the reflection associated with the transmitted coded pulse sequence is referred to the contra-directionally coupled response while that the associated with the reflection returned form the end of the lead-out cables is referred to the co-directionally coupled response (When two open transmission lines run parallel and in proximity to each other, energy is coupled from one transmission line to the other. When the coupled signal propagates in the same direction as a source signal, it is referred as "co-directional coupling". When the coupled signal

propagates in the opposite direction to the source signal, it is referred to as "contra-directional coupling").

With regards to independent **claim 68**, the prior art does not specifically disclose or suggest an intrusion detection sensor comprising: means for converting an RX signal induced in a second open transmission line by the electromagnetic field into an in-phase (I) component and quadrature-phase (Q) component for each of a plurality of range bins B corresponding to a respective linear distance R; means for processing the I and Q components for each range bin for detecting a target and specifying coordinates R and Z of the target, wherein R is a linear distance along the first transmission line and Z is a radial distance from the first transmission line.

With regards to independent **claim 91**, the prior art does not specifically disclose or suggest a method for detection and location of a target crossing into an area defined by a sensor cable comprises: receiving a coupled signal in the transmission line and separating an RX signal from the coupled signal in the transmission line caused by the target disturbing the electromagnetic field; detecting the RX signal and identifying in the RX signal a contra- directional reflection received from the location of the target; and processing the contra-directional reflection for providing a range of the target.

With regards to independent **claim 91**, the prior art does not specifically disclose or suggest a method for detection and location of a target crossing into an area defined by a sensor cable comprises: detecting the first RX signal and identifying in the first RX signal a first contra-directional reflection received from the location of the target, and simultaneously detecting the second RX signal and identifying in the second RX signal

a second contra-directional reflection received from the location of the target; correlating the first and the second contra-directional reflection; and processing the correlated first and second contra-directional reflection to provide a range of the target.

With regards to dependent **claims 58-67, 69-75, 92-93, 99-100**, they are allowable based on the dependency of claims 57, 68, 91, 98, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Harman (U.S. 5,448,222) "Coupled transmission line sensor cable and method"
- b. Harman (U.S. 2002/0041232) "FW CW cable guided intrusion detection radar"
- c. Harman (U.S. 5,446,446) "Differential, multiple cell reflex cable intrusion detection system and method"

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HOI C. LAU whose telephone number is (571)272-8547. The examiner can normally be reached on M- F 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Davetta Goins can be reached on (571)272-2957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2612